(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent it will help for India's oil need with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) had placed an order with M/s British Petroleum in August 2005 for import of one cargo of 600,000 bbls of Azeri Light crude oil on Spot Tender basis loading in October 2005 at Susa Port on the Black Sea. When the BTC pipeline is commissioned, trading of Azeri Light crude oil will start from Ceyhan on the Mediterranean Sea.

(c) With the commissioning of the BTC pipeline, Azeri Light crude oil would be available from Ceyhan if brought into the Indian Ocean, would compete with not only other alternative law sulphur crude oil from the Mediterranean basin (Libya, Egypt, Algeria etc.) and West Africa, but also provide competition to West Asian and South East Asian crudes. A more competitive pricing of these crude oils could evolve in the region into a well-prepared Asian oil and oil products market with an Asian marker as is the case in the sophisticated markets of the West, such as Western Texas Intermediate and Brent (dated). This is expected to greatly benefit the quantitative availability and competitive pricing of crudes available for purchase by India.

Revival of public sector undertakings

692. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petroleum public sector undertakings existing in each State/U.T;

(b) the number of petroleum PSUs which were in profit, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of petroleum PSUs which were in losses, State/UT-wise;

(d) the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have prepared any road map to bring the loss making PSUs into profit with a definite time-frame; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Details of major petroleum public sector undertakings and States where their registered offices are located are given in the enclosed statement (See below). During the year 2004-05, all these PSUs were in profit.

(c) to (0 Only Biecco Lawrie Ltd. was in losses prior to the year 2004-05. The company has submitted its proposal for restructuring to the Ministry for onward submission to Board for Restructuring of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) to maintain sustainable growth of the company in future.

Statement

Details of major petroleum PSUs.

SI.No.	Name of the Oil PSUs	Name of the States where Registered offices located
1	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	Uttaranchal
2	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	Maharashtra
3 4	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	Maharashtra
	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	Maharashtra
5 6	GAIL (India) Ltd.	Delhi
7	Engineers India Ltd.	Delhi
	Oil India Ltd.	Assam
8	Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	West Bengal
9	Biecco Lawrie Ltd.	West Bengal

Policy on new CNG stations

t693. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments are opening up CNG fuel stations without the permission of Central Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.